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ACCUSES COMMUNISTS OF USING WELFARE  
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES

These sources may be divided into two major categories, as far as the Armenians abroad are concerned:

- The major part of funds thus raised is used for propaganda purposes and for Communist activities among the Armenians outside the USSR. Following are some examples to prove this point:

2. For many years Soviet Armenia has collected large sums of money from the Armenian General Benevolent Union /a welfare organization/ in the US, the Middle East, the Balkans, and France, always in the name of reconstruction of Armenia or repatriation of refugees. It is well known that this money has not been used for Armenians in the Armenian SSR but for Communist activities abroad.

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3. In January 1950, Deghekadu, organ of the Armenian National Council of America /reputed to be a Communist front organization/, reported the following communication by Ashod Aprahamian, who is vice-president of the Committee to Promote Cultural Relations with Armenians Abroad, as well as an official of Echmiadzin:

"It is not necessary to purchase gifts, clothing, machinery, and other articles for Soviet Armenia with the money which you collect. At present, Soviet Armenia has plenty of everything and does not need your help. I advise you to use such contributions for the activities of your organization."

This is the same Ashod Aprahamian, who is now visiting Antalya, Turkey, as a representative of Echmiadzin, to take over the funds collected by churches in the name of Echmiadzin.

4. Danoush Shahviranian, the above-mentioned, well-known Soviet Armenian agent, and other Bolshevik Armenians have approached wealthy Armenian industrialists in Greece, Italy, France, the Arab countries, and the US, requesting the contribution of sizable sums of money for the repatriation of dispersed Armenians. It is well known that the major part of these funds were used for propaganda purposes abroad.

The USSR, with its excellent contacts through Communist-front organizations in many countries, does not need any capital from Moscow for its activities abroad. She knows how to utilize to maximum advantage local fund sources.

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